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SUBJECT : MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO QATAR

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 8 AND 299

1. MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER TUN ABDUL RAZAK VISITED QATAR JAN 23-25. HE WAS GIVEN FULL RED CARPET TREATMENT AND HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH THE AMIR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI.
2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JAN 25 CONTAINED USUAL BOILERPLATE ABOUT MUTUAL ESTEEM, FRIENDLY RELATIONS, ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY AND TENDERED AND ACCEPTED INVITATION TO KHALIFA TO RETURN VISIT.
3. COMMUNIQUE PLACED SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND AN-

NOUNCED SIGNING OF AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, CULTURAL AND INFORMATION COOPERATION. JOINT COMMITTEE FORMED TO IMPLEMENT
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AGREEMENT, AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS MENTIONED WERE DEVELOPMENT OF

LAND AND OIL RESOURCES AND PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND WOOD. PROVISION
MADE FOR EXCHANGE OF VISITS AMONG EXPERTS OF TWO COUNTRIES.

4. ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, COMMUNIQUE GENERALLY ENDORSED
ARAB VIEWS ON MID EAST CRISIS, SUPPORTED DETENTE, AND DECLARED INDIAN
OCEAN SHOULD BE ZONE FREE FROM SUPERPOWER COMPETITION. SPECIAL
MENTION MADE OF GOQ'S APPRECIATION OF MALAYSIA'S ROLE IN PROMOTING
"UNITY" OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN NATIONS TO FURTHER PROSPERITY, PEACE,
FREEDOM AND NONALIGNMENT IN THAT AREA.

5. MOST IMMEDIATE NOTABLE EVENT DURING VISIT WAS CHANGE OF
FORMAT OF AMIR'S STATE BANQUET FOR VISITOR. USUAL DRILL IS
HALF-HOUR MODIFIED "LAMB GRAB" WHICH DISTINGUISHED ONLY BY ITS
BREVITY. FOR ABDUL RAZAK, AMIR HOSTED FOUR COURSE SIT-DOWN
WESTERN STYLE LUNCH. NUMBER OF SHAYKHLI GUESTS WERE HEARD TO
GRUMBLE ABOUT FARE, ASKING WHETHER AMIR "TOO POOR TO
AFFORD LAMB."

6. COMMENT: MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD US THAT PRIMEMINISTER'S
CONVERSATIONS WITH AMIR HAD GONE VERY WELL. HE SAID THAT
ALTHOUGH ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS OF STANDARD UMBRELLA-
TYPE, THE AMIR HAD EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN JOINT PROJECTS
COMPATIBLE WITH RESOURCES OF BOTH COUNTRIES, AND HAD ASKED FOR
SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING WITH ABDUL RAZAK TO DISCUSS
SPECIFICS.

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